

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
May 27, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Dentistry was called to order at 9:03 a.m., on May 27, 2022, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sidra Butt, D.D.S.
Sutan E. Chaudhry, D.D.S.
Jamiah Dawson, D.D.S.
J. Michael Martinez de Andino, J.D.
Dagoberto Zapatero, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Anderson, D.D.S.
Patricia B. Bonwell, RDH, PhD.
Alf Hendricksen, D.D.S.
Margaret F. Lemaster, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Jamie C. Sacksteder, Acting Executive Director
Donna M. Lee, Discipline Case Manager
Sally Ragsdale, Executive Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: James E. Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria L. Hinton, Esquire, Adjudication Specialist
Rebecca Smith, Senior Adjudication Specialist
Shell Riddle, Court Reporter (virtual attendance)
Helen D. Neighbors, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel
Jon M. Babineau, Esquire, Respondent's Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With six members present, a quorum was established.

**Amr Sheta, D.D.S.
Case No.: 212573** Dr. Sheta was present with legal counsel in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated March 23, 2022.

Dr. Bryant swore in the witnesses.

Following Ms. Smith's opening statement, Dr. Bryant admitted into evidence Commonwealth's Exhibits 1-6.

Following Ms. Neighbor's opening statement, Dr. Bryant admitted into evidence Respondent's Exhibits A-Q, minus exhibits B and F.

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the Commonwealth:

- Daniel Love, Detective, Norfolk Police Department, DEA Task Force Officer
- Michelle Schmitz, Enforcement Director, DHP
- Meghan Wingate, Senior Investigator, DHP

The following witnesses testified on behalf of the Respondent:

- Dr. Mohamed Arafa
- Dr. Amr Sheta

Ms. Vinton and Mr. Babineau provided closing statements.

Closed Meeting:

Dr. Dawson moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) and § 2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Amr Sheta, D.D.S. Additionally, she moved that Board staff, Ms. Sacksteder, Ms. Lee, Ms. Ragsdale, and Board counsel, Mr. Rutkowski, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Dr. Dawson moved to certify that the Board heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION:

Mr. Rutkowski reported that Dr. Sheta's license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Virginia is indefinitely suspended for a period of not less than 10 months from the date of entry of the Order, and that he shall pay a \$5,000.00 monetary penalty.

Dr. Dawson moved to accept the Board's decision as read by Mr. Rutkowski. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Nathaniel C. Bryant, D.D.S., President

9 Sept 2022

Date



Jamie C. Sacksteder, Acting Executive Director

9/9/22

Date